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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Subcommittee Staff

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1. On 19 February 1976, I together with [redacted] OPR, and [redacted] I/IE, briefed staff members of the Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance and Economic Policy who are leaving next week for a two-week fact finding visit to Iran. The staffers were Bob Mantel, Geoffrey Kemp, and Steve Bryan -- from the offices of Senators Case and Humphrey.

2. The briefing of about three hours centered on the Iranian leadership and political structure, the Shah's perception of his military needs, status of US military programs, Iran's oil output and earnings outlook, economic development, and economic problems. The group seemed particularly interested in determining the extent of US influence, via military sales, on the Shah and the effect of the US military effort in Iran on Iranian/US relations, now and in the near future.

3. We seemed to satisfy the background briefing interests of the group and received an indication of a follow-up briefing by the group on its return from Iran.

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